

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 15 has been added with this Amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 5-6, 9, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murphy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,082) in view of Abram et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,462,778). The Examiner has indicated that with regards to the novelty of claims 7-8, 10, and 14, the cited claims identify the distinct feature of generating place specifying data after decrypting encrypted image and position information and authenticating the encrypted image and position information (citing Applicants' arguments filed in the November 26, 2004 Amendment).

Applicants have canceled claim 9, and amended claims 5 and 13 to more clearly define such a similar feature as found allowable by the Examiner for claims 7-8, 10, and 14. Similar features are also recited in new claim 15. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for allowance.

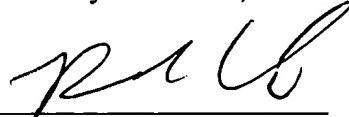
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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